

THE DEMOCRAT

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CURRENT COMMENT.

The natural gas supply at Columbus, O., has been cut off, the supply being too weak.

Bestor will have a new coaling dock built at a somewhat large enough to accommodate ocean steamers.

The epidemic of la grippe in Louisiana, which has been prevalent since November 15, has abated.

The military reservation at Fort Gibson, I. T., has been transferred to the Interior Department for settlement.

M. FROQUET has been re-elected President of the French Chamber of Deputies, receiving 282 out of 322 votes cast.

It is reported that the Washburn-Moen Harbed Wire Company proposes to erect 25 telegraph lines for four thousand miles.

A nugget of pure gold the size of a bean was found in the ear of a chicken near Burlington, Mo., and considerable quantities are said to be present.

Business men are said to drive a railway tunnel under New York Bay from Staten to Long Island, and make Brooklyn a terminal point.

REV. GEORGE HAY, of Wyoming, has decided that the sugar business provided in the McKinley bill will not be legal as sugar produced prior to July 1 next.

The President has nominated Henry H. Swan as United States Judge for the Eastern District of Michigan, to succeed Judge Brown, now on the Supreme Bench.

The Duke of Mecklenburg-Schwerin has officially denied that he offered Prince Bismarck the Premiership of his Dukedom.

The Indiana House passed a resolution criticizing the census returns as grossly inaccurate, and representatives in Congress are instructed to take steps toward correcting such returns.

GEORGE C. BAKER, clerk in the United States appraiser's office at Philadelphia, has been arrested for complicity in a fraud against the Government in which Spreckels' sugar refinery was interested.

WORKERS on the elevated crowd in New York watched ex-Mayor Grace destroy by fire \$5,000,000 worth of South American railroad bonds, which had to be put out of the way to protect a big stock transfer.

FRANK P. DEMAREST, member of the New York Legislature, was arrested at Nyack, N. Y., recently, charged with misappropriating money and forging its disbursements checks. He defended the money secured.

Irish Registrar-General in his report on the potato crop in Ireland announces that 700,000 acres of potatoes were planted in 1896, as against 787,326 acres in the preceding year, and that the yield had decreased 1,037,193 tons.

COMMISSIONER HAY, of Wyoming, telegraphically Secretary Dickinson, of the World's Fair at Chicago, that the governor has signed the bill appropriating \$20,000 for Wyoming's exhibit at the Exposition of 1893. The Legislature of the young State of Wyoming is the first in the Union to make an appropriation for this purpose.

French physicians criticize Prof. Koch's report upon the ingredients of his famous lymph. They say that the report is incomplete and does not indicate the quantity of the dose or the substances composing the liquid. They add that the remedy is shrouded in mystery and the necessity of its use is unexplained. They also say that the efficacy has not been shown and no patient treated according to the Koch system in France has been cured.

MEMBERS BAKER, in his address to the members of the Chicago Board of Trade at the annual meeting, charged the Western Union Telegraph Company with hoarding bucketsful and said that he believed the time was ripe for the members of the several exchanges whose relations were intimate and important to establish their own telegraph lines. A committee of five was appointed at the meeting to formulate such a plan as suggested by President Baker.

MISS LILLIAN OWENS, of Sol Smith Russell's company, who was journeying westward from San Francisco, to wed Charles Kent of Stuart, Robinson, company, died at Chicago recently after a short illness. Like Miss Emma Abbott, she was taken ill with pneumonia at Salt Lake, Utah, but had temporarily bettered fortune than the famous singer, begged to continue to travel until reaching Chicago, where she acquired her reputation as a bright little society belle. She was 24 years old.

SECRETARY PROCTOR has received a letter from General Ruger, dated St. Paul, January 1, in regard to the conduct of the Indian police taking part in the capture of Sitting Bull with a view to rewarding them for their services and also providing for the families of the policemen who were killed in that engagement. He says: "The conduct of these men is remarkable for fidelity as well as courage and some act of the Government in recognition of them would seem fit as to those directly concerned and expedient for the encouraging effect it would have upon all the Indians of the reservation who desire to conform to the new conditions of their lives."

The new Japanese Minister to the United States, G. Tateno, who has just been presented to the President, is accompanied to this country by his wife, a five-year-old daughter, his private secretary and a law student. The Minister falls English. Recently Tateno and his wife and child are dressed in Western garb. Mr. Tateno's public career began in November, 1877, when he was appointed as an officer of the Imperial household. In 1878 he was a member of the commission appointed by the Government to receive General Grant, whom he met on his arrival from China and accompanied during his stay in the land of the Rising Sun. In 1880 the Minister accepted the Governorship of Osaka, one of the largest provinces in the Empire, and for ten years occupied that position.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

Gleaned by Telegraph and Mail.

CONGRESSIONAL.

AFTER routine business in the Senate on the 12th debate on the financial bill was resumed and Senator Allen (Wash.) spoke in favor of free coinage. Mr. Fiske gave notice that he would introduce a bill disposing of the financial bill, and Mr. Paddock gave notice that he would introduce a bill to amend the act relating to the pure food bill. Messrs. Berry and Cockrell spoke in favor of free coinage and Mr. Allison took the floor, and Senator Fiske, in the House Mr. Dockery, on a question of privilege, offered a resolution in regard to the committee on rules refusing to report its "silver pool" resolution, which brought on a long political wrangle. The resolution was amended by appointing a committee of five to investigate the silver pool and to report thereon. The committee was then considered until adjournment. On the 13th Mr. Sherman gave notice of an amendment to the financial bill, abolishing the tax on State banks. The financial bill was then considered for four hours against the bill. He argued that according to all historical parallels under the free coinage provision the country would be practically out of the country or would be held at its value abroad, compared with the value of silver bullion abroad. After disposing of several public buildings bills the House resumed consideration of the financial bill, which occupied much time with but little accomplished. The report of the ballot box committee was laid before the House and the House adjourned. WHEN the Senate met on the 14th consideration of the financial bill was resumed and Mr. Ingalls argued at length in favor of the bill amended to free coinage. The debate on Mr. Stewart's amendment (the free silver coinage feature) having closed, a vote was taken and it was adopted by a vote of 31 yeas; 26 Democrats and 16 Republicans voting in the affirmative and 27 Republican and 16 Democrats voting in the negative. The amendment to strike out the provision for issuing \$200,000,000 in two per cent. bonds to buy outstanding bonds was struck out. Mr. Sherman then introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the pure food bill, which was agreed to and the bill then passed by yeas 29 and nays 27. Mr. Sherman then introduced a bill to amend the act relating to the pure food bill, which resulted in a tie, 26 yeas and 26 nays. The Vice-President voted in the affirmative. ADJOURNED. The army appropriation bill was then considered and the House adjourned after considering for a time the District of Columbia bill the House adjourned.

Mr. Morgan introduced a bill to establish a branch mint at Omaha. Mr. Morgan offered a concurrent resolution on the subject of the information or suggestion for a writ of prohibition to the Supreme Court in connection with the Behring sea dispute, which was referred. The election bill was then taken up and Mr. Everts spoke in favor of it. Mr. Pacey opposed the floor and the Senate adjourned.

IN the House the free coinage bill was read a second time and the House adjourned. The bill was then taken up and Mr. Everts spoke in favor of it. Mr. Pacey opposed the floor and the Senate adjourned.

PEITITIONS were presented in the Senate on the 16th, among them petitions from fourteen different States against the passage of the bill to amend the act relating to the pure food bill, which was referred. The bill was then taken up and Mr. Everts spoke in favor of it. Mr. Pacey opposed the floor and the Senate adjourned.

THE Stoneboro Savings Bank and Greenville, Pa., both of which were largely managed by the same parties, have failed. The liabilities of the Stoneboro institution exceeds the assets, but the Sandy Lake concern claims to be able to pay its debts in full.

Mrs. STEELE, wife of Governor Steele of Oklahoma, was seriously injured at Marion, Ind., by a fall on the icy pavement. There are apprehensions as to her recovery.

BUSINESS failures (Dun's report) for the seven days ended January 15 numbered 41, compared with 403 the previous week and 336 the corresponding week of last year.

ANOTHER sensation has been sprung by Governor Howe sending to the Indiana Legislature a special message charging Warden Murdoch, of the Northern prison, with embezzling \$40,000.

THE two warring factions of the Colorado Legislature have failed so far to reach a suitable settlement of their difficulties.

THE worst fire for years occurred recently in a four-story block in Rutland, Vt. Many valuable records and documents were destroyed.

THE Players' League has gone out of existence. The National League, Western Association and American Association are united in a National agreement.

WALLACE LETHBRIDGE, nephew of General Lew Wallace, fell from a window in St. Paul, Minn., and was killed. Many believe it was a suicide.

THE great Dobson carpet mills near Philadelphia have been destroyed by fire. Loss, \$900,000.

THE recent disgraceful scenes in the Colorado House resulted in murder. Inspector of Police Hawley dying from the bullet wound inflicted by Doorkeeper McCoy.

THE legislative day of the Senate of the 16th was continued until 6 p. m. of the 17th, when the elections bill was laid aside informally and adjournment was had until the 18th.

THREE Indiana lads who ran away from the school at Anadarko, I. T., were frozen to death. The principal of the school fled, fearing the vengeance of the relatives of the boys.

GEORGE BANCROFT, the venerable historian, died at Washington on the 17th. He was born at Worcester, Mass., October 3, 1800.

THE alarm caused by the revolutionary outbreak in Entre Rios, Argentine Confederation, has subsided.

CLEARING house returns for the week ended January 17 showed an average increase of 7.2 compared with the corresponding week of last year. In New York the increase was 7.3.

THE London Stock Exchange was buoyant during the week ended January 17. Money was abundant. The Paris Bourse was firm with an upward tendency. Berlin was irregular and rather dull.

WALLBRIDGE'S hardware store, Buffalo, N. Y., burned recently. Loss, \$225,000; insurance, \$200,000.

A DISPATCH says that the revolt in Chili is spreading rapidly. The insurgents are very energetic and are said to be managing their campaign in a very skillful manner. They appear to be possessed of large resources and the issue, according to the dispatch, is very doubtful.

TWO women were killed and several persons injured by a natural gas explosion at the Marvin Hotel, Findlay, O.

THE Senate has passed a bill appropriating \$1,873,000 for the early completion of the mouth of the Columbia river, Oregon, and \$315,000 for the early completion of the canals and locks at the cascades of Columbia.

THE city council of Cincinnati has passed an ordinance to make it a misdemeanor to give hypnotic lectures.

THE legislative committee of the Minnesota Farmers' Alliance has decided to push a bill for a State Agricultural Bureau.

SEVENTY thousand dollars worth of opium was seized at Oakland, Cal., on an express wagon.

SIR JAMES HANNEN has been appointed Lord Justice of the British Court of Appeals, to succeed Sir Barnes Peacock. He is best known to the world through his presidency of the Farnell Commission. He was born in London in 1821 and is a member of the Privy Council.

KANSAS STATE NEWS.

A brakeman by the name of Segor was killed by the Santa Fe cars near Lawrence the other day.

Sam Austin and Frank Gray, two colored boys, were examining a shotgun at Lawrence the other day when the piece was accidentally discharged, the result of which is that Gray will lose his right leg.

The State Board of Agriculture met at Topeka on the 14th. Governor Humphrey delivered an address of welcome to which President A. W. Smith replied. The attendance was large and many interesting papers were read.

Delegates from 300 towns, villages and cities met recently at Topeka in session to form a permanent organization of the Citizens' Alliance. It is a sort of supplementary organization to the Farmers' Alliance, bearing the same relation to the towns and cities that the farmers' does to the country.

Several Alliance candidates for the Legislature have filed contests against the election of Republican opponents, to whom certificates of election were issued. All are based upon corrupt means used in the election. They are J. A. Moor, of Ellis County, against J. H. Reeder; S. M. Bennett, of Meade, against A. H. Hader; E. W. Maxwell, of Marion, against George W. Rood.

The report sent out from Lawrence of a shortage of a large sum on the part of L. H. Corse, as agent of the Douglas County Alliance, is denied by later reports. The failure of a Denver commission house occasioned a loss of a few hundred dollars to two or three individual shippers, for which Mr. Corse was not responsible, covers the actual facts in the case.

Wolves are said to be invading the western border counties of the State in search of food. A short distance from Liberal the other morning Mrs. Garvey and her child were attacked by a pack of wolves a few steps from their home, and while the woman escaped with slight injuries, the boy was carried a distance and mangled so horribly that he could not recover.

The American Live-Stock Commission Company at Kansas City, has charge of the handling and sale of the live-stock marketed by the Kansas Alliance and State Grange, the business being conducted on the mutual co-operative plan, and so regulated as to prevent members from shipping on an overworked market, the net profits of the business being distributed to the shippers and stockholders.

The State officers-elect were inaugurated at noon on the 12th in the Governor's office, at Topeka. There was no ceremony or display. They formed in a circle about Judge Valentine, chief of the Supreme Court, and took the oath of office. All except Attorney-General Ives and Auditor Charles M. Hovey had already served one term, Treasurer Stover having been sworn in a month ago to fill the vacancy.

The State Board of Agriculture, at its recent session in Topeka, elected the following officers: President, A. W. Smith; vice-president, E. Herington; treasurer, Samuel Howe; executive committee, W. F. Lyon, of Cheyenne County, T. M. Pickering, of Cherokee County, J. C. Colquhoun, of Saline County, George W. Glick, of Atchison County, and T. A. Hubbard, of Sumner County.

The Commissioner of Labor in his forthcoming report will show that out of 700 reports from child workers under 15 years of age, about 30 per cent. were under 10 years, three per cent. were between 10 and 11, eight per cent. between 11 and 12, twenty per cent. between 12 and 13, thirty per cent. 13 and 14 and the remaining thirty-eight per cent. about 14. The weekly wages paid these children were from \$2 to \$6, an average for all of \$3.50.

The Supreme Court has decided that the public schools can not discriminate against colored children. In the case of Bertha and Lilly Knox, colored children of Independence, against the board of education of that city, the court held that the Legislature not having granted to cities the power to discriminate against colored children, the action of the board of education in attempting to exclude children from schools and compel them to attend a separate school for colored children was illegal.

The stock brokers of the State met at Topeka on the 14th for the purpose of organizing a State association. The following officers were elected: President, William Sims, Topeka; vice-president, J. W. Johnson, Hamilton; secretary, J. W. Popow, Jr., Berryton; treasurer, J. B. McAfee, Topeka; directors, C. E. Westbrook, Peabody; G. E. Morse, Mound City; N. Steiner, Wichita; Samuel Jewett, Lawrence, and W. A. Harris, Linwood. A number of papers were read and a resolution passed urging the passage by Congress of the Conger pure lard bill.

In a case taken to the Supreme Court upon appeal from Sedgwick County, in which the question involved was as to the status of an ungaranteed interest coupon in the hands of a loan company which has advanced money upon it and to which the coupon has been delivered uncancelled, the Supreme Court lately decided that the title to interest coupons passed from hand to hand by mere delivery, and that the absence of an express agreement or controlling equity to the contrary, the assignment of one of a number of coupon interest notes secured by a mortgage carries with it a pro rata share of the security.

In the United States Circuit Court at Topeka Judge Phillips recently decided the Lucifer, a free love sheet, on his appeal from a sentence for depositing obscene literature in the mails. Judge Phillips sentenced Harmon to a year in jail, rendering a lengthy decision, in the course of which he said the liberty of the press is not to be curtailed licent. Harmon will again appeal.

A colored cook named James Mason was seriously wounded at Wichita the other night by a shot in the groin, fired by Cora Ashton, whose jealousy was aroused by the attentions paid a rival by Mary Branch was shot and killed by Perry Valentine at Lyons the other day. The two men were close friends until a few months ago, when they fell in love with the same girl. Valentine was lately accepted by the girl, and Branch took his dismissal very much to heart. The result was a quarrel when they met and the killing.

The five-year-old daughter of Isaiah King, of Kansas City, Kan., was fatally burned the other afternoon. Her three-year-old brother held a piece of burning paper to her dress to frighten her, when her clothing took fire and she was frightfully burned before assistance reached her. She died two days after.

KANSAS LEGISLATURE.

A Condensed Report of the Week's Proceedings.

The Senate convened at noon on the 13th and was called to order by Lieutenant-Governor Beck. The prayer of the day was administered to the new senators, Long of Morton; Smith of Rice, and Wheeler of Cloud. An adjournment was then taken until 7 o'clock, at which hour the Senate went into executive session. The following officers were chosen: President pro tem, F. B. Harkness of Clay County; chaplain, J. A. Bright; secretary, A. G. Stacey; assistant secretary, G. G. Wheat; sergeant-at-arms, L. C. Smith; as wheat; sergeant-at-arms, J. N. Cooper; journal clerk, E. Jackson; assistant journal clerk, J. Harper; Gilby Kelley and G. Gregg; document clerk, J. E. Hoagland, and assistant, B. Best; docket clerk, Homer Gillette, and assistant, James B. Curry; postmaster, A. W. McDowell, and assistant, Clyde Bowman; chief enrolling clerk, Miss N. G. McLaughlin; messenger, Arthur L. Phillips; doorkeeper, W. B. Hets, and assistants Washington Anks, C. Merriam, J. C. Higgins, J. C. Hamer, G. L. Hankinson, Daniel Meaghan, C. M. Heath, A. B. Ackery and J. S. Eldridge. The House met at 10 o'clock and was called to order by Secretary of State Higgins. J. B. Coons was chosen temporary speaker and G. W. Bonham, assistant speaker. The members were sworn in and recess taken. At 3 o'clock the House again met when P. E. Elder, of Franklin County, was chosen as speaker and the following additional officers: Benjamin Matchett, of Osborn, speaker pro tem; chief clerk, S. W. Chase; sergeant-at-arms, James H. Fort, assistant clerk, G. W. Jacobs, journal clerk: A. D. Gilpin, assistant L. C. Souping, docket clerk, Anna McChord, assistant; R. L. Wall, postmaster; Mrs. Ada C. Ranner, assistant; Rev. J. G. Melvine, chaplain; T. O. Hart, assistant secretary; J. C. M. Campbell, doorkeeper; Henry Dick, John Slaughterback and T. M. Pore, assistant doorkeepers.

In the Senate on the 13th Mr. Moody introduced a resolution for the economizing of space in the journal. Many bills were introduced and the House adjourned. The prohibitory counties, townships and cities from issuing bonds, except for school purposes, and also reducing railroad passenger rates to two cents per mile. In the House Messrs. Brown, Webb and Dumont introduced a committee to consider and report upon the claims of delegates from unrepresented counties. But little business of general importance was conducted at the afternoon session.

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